

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR WASHINGTON
COUNTY

NANCY CLINE, et al

.Plaintiffs VS.

JOHN JAMES CHRISTY, et a

Defendants

) CASE NO.

) 21-C-02-013505

The deposition of JOHN CHRISTY was taken
on the 11th day of November, 2002, at
approximately 10:00 a.m., at the State Farm
Service Center, 118 East Oak Ridge Drive, Suite
200, Hagerstown, Maryland, before Sandra Beth
Shrader, Notary Public.



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1 the church board when the engine was overheating
2 to take it to the Amoco facility, correct? A.
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4 Q. Was it a suggestion by the board member
5 Yes.

6 specific to this particular problem, being
7 overheating, or was it more of a general premise
8 that if it's serious we want you to take it to
9 Amoco; regular routine service you can pick where
10 you take it?

11 A. It's to this particular incident with
12 the engine overheating.

13 Q. Okay. How did you notice that there was
14 a problem with the engine overheating; was it
15 the temperature light?

16 A. The temperature gauge, yes.

17 Q. How long did it last before you
18 actually did something about it?

19 A. I got it looked at probably the next
20 day.

21 Q. Okay.

A. I mean it overheated; I parked the

1 vehicle and the next day I drove it up there.
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3 Q. Who's the board member that you conferred
4 with on this?
5 A. Who was the board member?
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7 Q. Yeah. I think a couple conferred, so I
8 don't remember exactly which one I spoke with.
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10 Q. So between the time you noticed it
11 overheating and pulled it over and the time you
12 took it to the Amoco you had a conversation
13 with...
14 A. Yeah, by phone, yeah.
15 Q. And, the basis of your calling -- you
16 called them?
17 A. Yes.
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19 Q. What was the purpose for you calling
20 them?
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22 A. To let them know that the engine was
23 overheating and if they had any input of what to be
24 done.
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26 Q. And, was it during that telephone
27 conversation that this person..
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1 A. They actually -- no, they called me
2 back and said, "this **is** what we recommend."

3 Q. "We" being the board of the church?

4 A. I mean I don't know -- I don't think
5 they had an official board meeting, it was just
6 a phone call and they were members of the board
7 that made the suggestion.

8 Q. They didn't make the suggestion right
9 at the time you first called them?

10 A. No.

11 Q. They called you back?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. The same person you spoke to called you
14 back or somebody else?

15 A. The same person called me back.

16 Q. Don't remember who that was?

17 A. Dick, Dick Bowers.

18 Q. Bowers, B-O-W-E-R-S?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And, where does Mr. Bowers live?

21 A. He lives in ...

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1 Q. Just the city, if you know?

2 A. Hagerstown.

3 Q. Is it called the Board of Directors, is
4 that what it is?

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7 Q. So you talked them twice on the
telephone? + ~

8 A. Yes. That's
two years ago.

9 Q. I
10 understand I mean as you recall
today.

11 A. Yes. ,

12 Q. During one of those telephone
13 conversations do you recall discussing
14 specifically the issue of expense, who
would pay
15 for it?

16 A. No.

17 Q. But it is your recollection that there
18 was an understanding that the church would be
19 paying for the repairs?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. That's all I have right now.

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CROSS-EXAMINATION

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BY MR. BALLENTINE:

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Q. Mr. Christy, the Board of Directors
4 paid for all the repairs on that vehicle, is
5 that correct?

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A. Yes.

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Q. So that was part of the deal, "we're
8 going to give you this car and we'll pay for
9 maintenance."

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A. Correct.

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Q. You were not required to take it to the
12 Amoco Station, that was just a suggestion? A.

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Correct.

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Q. At the time this accident occurred were
15 you on any business, official or unofficial, for
16 the Agape Church?

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MR. FREEL: Objection as to
18 form. Go ahead and answer.

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THE WITNESS: No.

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BY MR. BALLENTINE:

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Q.

Let me ask it another way. What, if 49
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1 any, business were you doing for the Agape
2 Church at the time this accident occurred?

3 A. None.

4 Q. That's I have.
5 all

6 MR. BALLENTINE: John, you
7 have a right to read and sign the deposition
8 after it's typed up or you can waive that right,
9 give it up. I'm going to suggest that you read
10 and sign it. And, if you would send me two
11 copies and I will see that he reads and signs
it.

12 (Whereupon, deposition was concluded at
13 10:40 a.m.)

14 (Whereupon, signature having not been
15 waived)

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